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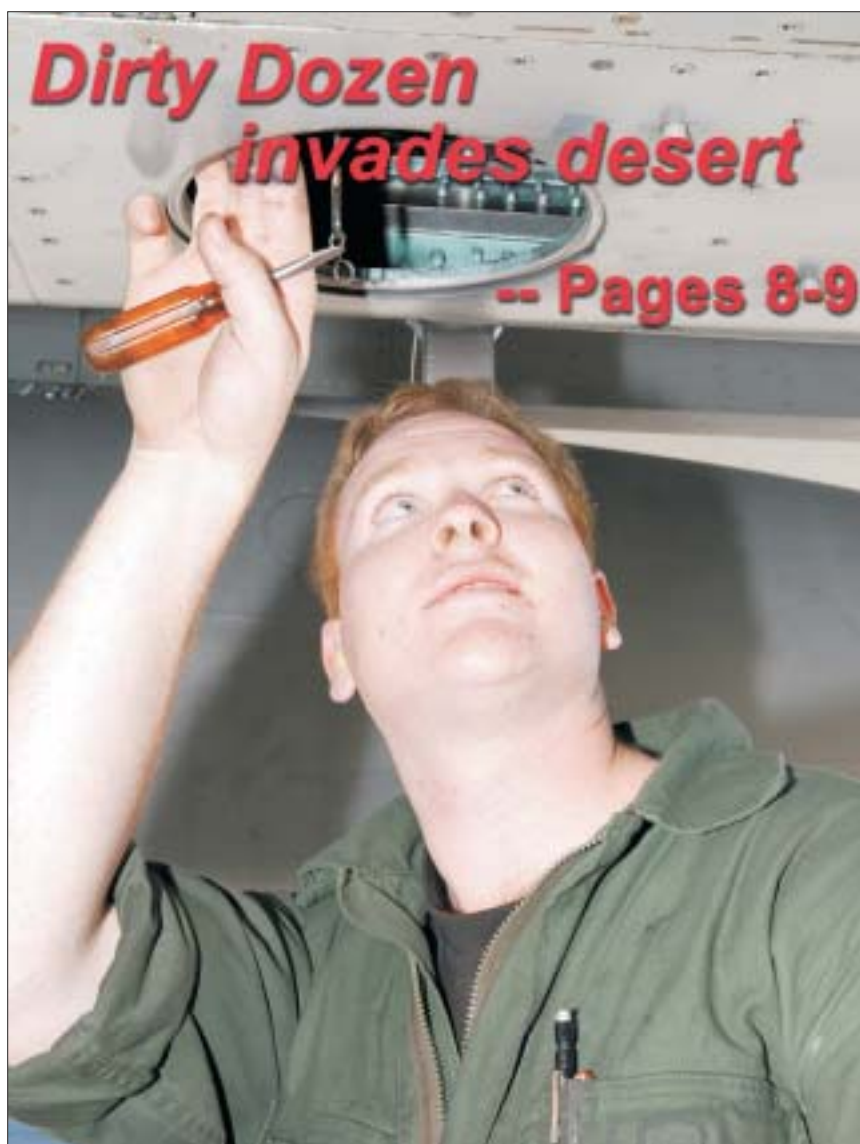
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Standing watch for Elmendorf

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News in Brief

Outstanding Performers

■ Staff Sgt. Kyle C. Langford of the 3rd Transportation Squadron Vehicle Operations Flight completed six wing vehicle assessments. Langford inspected 45 vehicles, ensuring proper care and maintenance. He also coordinated the parking of seven non-essential 90th Fighter Squadron vehicles, saving the unit an estimated \$43,000 per month in maintenance and operations costs.

■ Tech. Sgt. Kurt Brehm; Staff Sgt. Todd Tarchala; Senior Airmen Matthew Clutter and Dennis White; Airman 1st Class Carlos Rios; and Airmen James Caine and Timothy Covey of the 517th Airlift Squadron remained active CERI participants despite medical profiles. Their efforts turned the squadron's information booth into a vital war-fighting strategy link.

■ Lorna Collins, Elmendorf club caterer, volunteered to cover more than half of a nine-hour door guard shift, and moved her computer and files so she could fulfill her catering duties while checking IDs. Collins saved valuable man-hours while fulfilling the needs of the Air Force, the 3rd Services Squadron and the Elmendorf clubs.



TECH. SGT. CARY M. HUMPHRIES

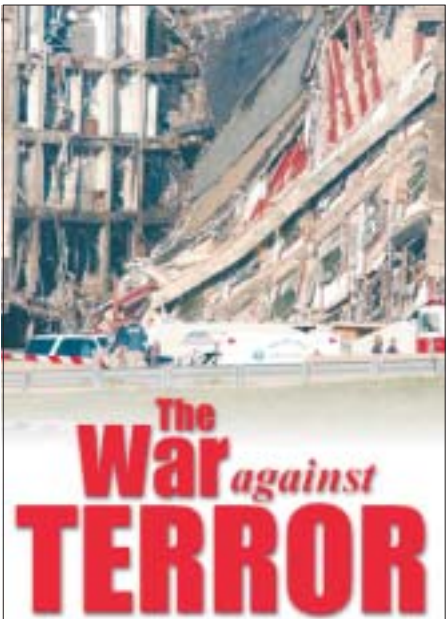
Humanitarian take-off

A C-17 Globemaster III lifts off from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, carrying the 1-millionth humanitarian daily ration that was dropped over Afghanistan to refugees during Operation Enduring Freedom. Each C-17 carries about 17,500 HDRs packed in 42 boxes, measuring 80 inches tall by 48 inches wide.

■ Staff Sgt. Brian M. Burd of the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron located and repaired two damaged connections on the interface cord of an unserviceable computer monitor. Burd's actions prevented excessive downtime of a computer workstation and saved the unit \$700 in hardware procurement costs.

■ Tech. Sgt. David R. Swartwood of the 381st Intelligence Squadron Operations Flight enhanced communications security during Operation

Noble Eagle by expertly managing telecommunications monitoring and assessment for the 11th Air Force and subordinate wings. Swartwood absorbed a 600 percent increase in tasking despite his section's 50 percent manning level. He provided comprehensive disclosure reports to 11th Air Force commanders and worked with headquarters and 3rd Wing operations security managers to improve security practices, reducing information disclosure rates from one in 115 to one in 1,200 telephone calls.



Elmendorf access

Please use the following guidelines when bringing off-base agencies and guests onto the base.

Deliveries

Off-base agencies are not authorized to make unescorted deliveries on base. Personnel can make exchanges at a base gate, but Security Forces is not responsible for calling people to meet delivery vehicles.

The following deliveries must enter through Post Road Gate to be searched, and be escorted at all times:

- Furniture or other large items
 - Cleaning agencies
 - Sales representatives
 - Windshield repair agencies
 - Locksmiths
 - Vehicle repair and towing agencies
 - Home decorating agencies
- Fast-food deliveries are not allowed on base.

Events/Functions

Anyone planning to host an event at Elmendorf must submit a list of names to Security Forces. Please use the following time guidelines:

- five-25 guests: five days prior
- 26-100 guests: two weeks prior
- 100 or more guests: three weeks prior

All guests will be required to show a picture ID, and all vehicles need to be registered on base.

Call Staff Sgt. Curtis Brenton at 552-5665 for more information.

Safe a.m. driving

Q: With the heightened security on base, my concern is with the safety of the people coming on base in the morning.

Cars line up on the side of the road on the Glenn Highway waiting to enter the base. With winter here and the icy road conditions, I fear that someone will slide or lose control on the highway and hit one or some of the cars, seriously injuring someone who is waiting to get on base.

I understand the need for security. Is there something that can be implemented to avoid this backup and the possibility of someone being injured?

Thank you.

A: Thank you for expressing your concern about the safety of our people. I agree with your concern and we are doing everything we can to facilitate the flow of traffic getting on base.

Action Line

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your thoughts and questions—good or bad—directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil



Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser

We have opened two lanes of inbound traffic at Boniface with two ID checkers in each lane. We added additional ID checkers at each gate during the morning rush hour.

Additionally, on Oct. 29, we re-opened the Muldoon gate from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

However, we are all responsible for maintaining a secure base and we need

your help to reduce congestion at the gates in the morning. We can all help by:

- **Staggering work hours** to minimize the number of cars arriving

at the most congested time. Times to avoid are 6-8 a.m.

- **Carpooling.** Most cars entering the base have one person inside.

- **Having identification ready** at the gates when you arrive. The extra few seconds it takes to search for your ID causes a significant delay when entering the gate.

Thank you for continuing to support our security forces. They are working very hard and appreciate your continuing support.

Please thank them every time you go through the gate. Your thanks means a lot.



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3rd Wing History Moment



Nov. 4, 1951:

The 3rd Bombardment Wing sent maintenance personnel to air bases in Korea and Japan.

Vigilant, Determined, Ultra-professional

Security Forces stand guard, set example for a more vigilant Elmendorf

Story and photos By Staff Sgt. Jim Fisher
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Before Sept. 11 and the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., Elmendorf's security forces professionals weren't exactly soft. Seasoned by endless days of due diligence in harm's way, Air Force cops around the world have been shot at base gates, run down by drunk drivers, killed by terrorist bombings and subject to the full range of abuse and violence during their course of duty.

With a more imminent threat to installations and the Air Force family as Operation Enduring Freedom progresses, the 3rd Security Forces Squadron is protecting Elmendorf with their trademark brand of sober determination.

"We can't let our guard down, we can't let somebody get on and hurt our people or destroy our resources — we just can't let it happen," said Master Sgt. Michael R. Craig, a 3rd Security Forces Squadron flight sergeant. "That's the mindset we go out with everyday, we can't let it happen here."

While security forces troops are routinely posted in harm's way on foreign soil, Elmendorf's cops find themselves walking the firing line of homeland defense, on the wall for people behind the installation's perimeter. The cops may be aware of the greater danger since the Sept. 11 attacks on America, Craig explained, but they won't be dissuaded from their duties.

"It hit pretty close to home, we are vulnerable," Craig said. "We're not taking anything for granted, and if there's a situation that does occur, we're going to act on it until it's resolved."

In fact, the squadron has been beefed up significantly in recent months, and is ultraprepared for potential contingencies. Increased manning, summer-long air base ground defense exercises and tried and true professionalism have forged a highly motivated, alert and effective security force,



Senior Airman Larry Russell patrols Elmendorf's flight line Monday. As a member of the 3rd Security Forces Squadron charged with standing watch over Elmendorf, Russell takes nothing for granted while performing his duties.

Craig explained.

"Our manning has increased. Thank goodness for the augmentation forces here," Craig said. "They're a blessing and as far as I'm concerned, they're cops. I don't even like to refer to them as augmentation forces because they're part of the cop family now."

Being part of the security forces family means inheriting the mantle of extreme professionalism.

Airman 1st Class Britton FebresCordero, a system administrator with the 732nd Air Mobility Support Squadron, is one of many Elmendorf troops who've gone from their normal duty sections to standing guard for Elmendorf. She's now becoming acquainted with the imperative high standards cops embrace.

"This is totally different from any squadron or organization I've been in," she said. "It's something you cannot take shortcuts on. You watch out for everything, learn to look at things differently."

FebresCordero has adapted the cops' telltale vigilance.

"You have to be so careful about every person that you deal with — every person that comes on [the installation] because when people get complacent, that's when things can happen," she said. "So you can't let it happen."

The bolstered force is working together to make sure complacency isn't even a possibility, according to Desk Sergeant Senior Airman Michael Davis.

"We try to police each other, stay on top of each other," Davis said. "It's a daily task — constant reminders to stay on top of the little things. We look at things like making sure everyone's boots are shined, because the little things reflect that everyone's staying focused."

According to Davis, while the demands of force protection are more intense, the cops' mission and effectiveness is a constant.

"The job hasn't changed. Our squadron and our base have always been really strong. The determination has always stayed strong and when the attacks occurred it got even stronger," Davis said.

The cops' immediate response in the hours following the terrorist attacks has set the tone for current operations.

"I was working the desk when it happened," Davis said. "That was the roughest day I've ever run in to. But everyone handled it pretty smoothly. I was extremely pleased with the way we responded. Nobody panicked, we just picked up the ball and started running with it." They continue to rise to the challenge, according to Craig.

"These guys are doing an excellent job," Craig said. "They're highly motivated and the NCOs are

going to great lengths to make sure they are staying motivated."

Any would-be terrorists targeting Elmendorf would not only come up against a very determined security force, but an entire base on alert, according to Davis. The number of calls he receives on suspicious activities or incidents has gone from several a months to several each day.

"People are more vigilant than they used to be," he said. "They call things in more than they used to. I think people are really stepping it up — they are much more alert. Everyone needs to remember to stay focused, stay aware, just like our signs say, 'be cautious, be aware.' Don't lost sight of the mission."

The cops will not relent in their quest to deter and respond to the threat of terrorism, nor will Elmendorf as a whole, Craig said.

"Let the base population know that we're out here for them," Craig said. "We want to protect them, to protect our resources and we will never let our guard down — ever. We're going to be extra vigilant. And it's not just the cops, it's everyone on base. Everyone's reporting everything they see. They're looking at everything, they're looking extra hard."

In response to a new threat and a new environment, the base population is adapting security force's long-held way of doing business — with vigilance, professionalism and determination.



Staff Sgt. J.T. Ewing inspects commercial vehicles entering the installation at the Post Road Gate Monday with the help of "Arco," a military working dog.



Sentry Airman 1st Class Britton FebresCordero checks identification at the Post Road Gate Monday.

Commander’s Shadow

Airman 1st Class Robin W. Price of the 3rd Wing Command Post is this week’s commander’s shadow.

Memorial service

A memorial service for Staff Sgt. Richard Nadeau, 517th Airlift Squadron, who passed away earlier this week, is today at 1 p.m. in the squadron’s west hangar bay. All are welcome.

Town hall meeting

Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser, 3rd Wing commander, will host an Elmendorf town hall meeting Nov. 19 from 7-9 p.m. at the base theater. Discussion topics will include 3rd Wing deployments, current events and their impact on the base, and upcoming base events. The meeting is open to military members, civilian employees and their spouses. Call 552-0303 for more information.

Facility managers

The base facility managers briefing is Tuesday at the base theater. Facility managers can attend the 9-11 a.m. or the 1-3 p.m. briefing. If the primary custodian cannot attend, please send the alternate custodian. Newly appointed facility managers should bring a facility manager appointment letter signed by the squadron commander. Call 552-3871 for more information.

Post Road Gate hours

Beginning Monday, Post Road Gate will be open daily from 5 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Call the 3rd Security Forces Squadron Police Services section at 552-2132 for information.

Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses of Elmendorf Alaska meet at the Kashim Club Wednesday. Board members meet at 6:30 p.m., and the general meeting begins at 7 p.m.

DAL forums planned

A series of forums on the Air Force’s Developing Aerospace Leaders program are planned for Elmendorf Tuesday and Wednesday to educate people on the chief of staff initiative.

Maj. Gen. (retired) Chuck Link, DAL program office director, will present the forums Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Susitna Club for 3rd Wing company grade officers; Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Susitna Club for 3rd Wing field grade officers; Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Reeves Conference Center for 11th Air Force and Alaskan Command company and field grade officers; and Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Reeves Conference Center for senior Elmendorf O-6s (by invitation).

Call Maj. Holly Rawson at 552-1808 for more information.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball is Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. Attendees must buy tickets by close-of-business today. Contact your squadron’s point of contact first sergeant for more information or to

buy tickets.

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center is offering the following classes:

- Spouses of deployed or remote tour members meet at the Hearts Apart Coffee Break Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- Take a Cabin Fever Break Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- Get ideas for recovering from lost relationships Thursday at noon.

For information or to register for classes, call the FSC at 552-4943.

Flu shots

The 3rd Medical Group immunizations clinic is administering flu shots weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shots are mandatory for active-duty military members. The clinic will also provide shots for family members and eligible beneficiaries. Call 580-5812 for more information.

Deli sandwich contest

The Commissary is holding a deli sandwich contest. People can submit Air Force-oriented sandwich names, along with sandwich ingredients, to cody.barker@elmendorf.af.mil by close-of-business Tuesday.

Three sandwiches from Fort Richardson and three from Elmendorf will be chosen. The Commissary will advertise the winning sandwiches, and each winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from the Commissary.

For more information, call Capt. Cody Barker at 552-3346.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- Weekday Mass: noon at the Chapel Center
- Friday Mass: noon at the Hospital Chapel
- Saturday Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Confession: Saturdays at 4:15 p.m. at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- Liturgical service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- Celebration (traditional): 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Praise and Worship (contemporary): 11:45 a.m. at Chapel 2
- Gospel service: noon at Chapel 2

Religious education

- Catholic: Sundays from 9-10 a.m. at the Chapel
- Protestant: Sundays from 10:25-11:15 a.m. at the Chapel Center

Other faiths

Contact the Chapel at 552-4422 for information.

Open Ranks

By Maj. Johnn Kennedy
Chief, Public Affairs

Earlier this week my son starting singing, “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...” And he’s right; it is looking like a typical Alaskan Christmas with lots of lovely white snow draping the trees and houses. Anchorage’s “City of Lights” program is in full swing and provides a welcoming glow to residents and visitors alike.

There’s only one problem – it’s a little early this year. This October, we received 20 inches of snow instead of the typical eight, and while it looks great, it presents a real safety problem. Don’t believe it? There were more than 100 reported accidents in Anchorage during that first good snowfall of the year.

Driving safety should be a high priority for all of us, and this early, heavy snow caught a lot of people by surprise. There was a frantic scramble to get studded tires. But studs or no studs ... to avoid accidents, people have got to slow down and allow more room between cars for stopping on slick roads.

There are a couple of other reasons to exercise more caution while driving, studded tires or not. One reason is preserving our wildlife, yours and the moose you’re likely to find crossing your path. As weather gets colder and forage becomes harder to find, the moose population becomes more visible, as several recent photos in the Anchorage Daily News can attest. In fact, I recently enjoyed watching a moose causally saunter across the parking lot of the Joint Military Exchange. It was a great sight, and I thoroughly enjoyed it ... from a safe distance and from inside my car.

Another reason for better driving habits is that we are part of a greater community. Many of us live and shop off base and our driving habits reflect on our image among our neighbors. For instance, with the re-opening of the Muldoon gate, traffic entering the gate in the morning is already showing signs of backing up. I know, I use that gate. As good neighbors, one thing we need to do when using the Muldoon Gate is to keep left. There are two lanes in-bound towards the gate. The right lane should be kept clear so that our neighbors who work and attend Bartlett High School can get to school on time and safely.

Your driving consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Arctic Life

Great living in the great land

Celebrating military families

By Master Sgt. Jon K. Scudder
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Military members across our country are facing challenges as we battle terrorism at home and abroad. Living with a servicemember can be challenging, but the rewards are not often as apparent or as publicized.

That is why National Military Family Appreciation Week was created – to recognize the significance of our unsung heroes in accomplishing the mission.

“The events on September 11 emphasize how the entire family can be affected by violent acts,” said Col. Timothy Van Splunder, 3rd Support Group commander. “Military families faithfully stand beside our servicemembers and continuously earn a partnership in the success of the total force mission. We accept and depend upon their support and, once again, it is time to do all we can to express our gratitude.”

Military Family Week was started in the 1980s by former first lady Nancy Reagan. It’s a week in which we take time to thank our families for their often-unheralded dedication.

Elmendorf celebrates National Military Family Week Nov. 18 to 25 with dozens of special events. From Thanksgiving meals to reduced prices to increased and special services, virtually every organization on base has its own unique way of recognizing the value of military families.

“Please join us in thanking our military families for their dedication by making special plans to honor them during this appreciation week,” added Van Splunder.

Schedule of Events

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

- Manager’s specials throughout



Heather Burke’s rendering of her military family, including parents Staff Sgt. Robert and Marietta Burke, won the Armed Services YMCA’s Air Force category for the 2001 Military Family Week picture contest. Heather and her parents are stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

the Joint Military Mall Main Exchange.

- The Elmendorf and Fort Richardson Shoppettes will offer “rent one, get one free” on video rental, excluding new releases.

- The Food Court will offer \$3 off large pizzas with three or more toppings and \$3 off family dinners at Church’s Chicken when you bring the family in to dine between 5 - 9 p.m., Nov. 19 - 26, Elmendorf Joint Military Mall Food Court only.

- Elmendorf and Fort Richardson Burger Kings will offer a free Kids Meal when mom or dad brings their child, 10 or under, to

dine in. Two kids meals if both parents are present with two children 10 or under.

- Service Station Car Wash coupon for regular car wash, normally \$4.95, for only \$3.99 with purchase of eight gallons or more of gasoline at Elmendorf and Fort Richardson Service Stations.

- Daisy Junction will offer fall wrapped bouquets for \$7.

- At Vista Optical when a family member purchases a complete set of glasses, additional immediate family members will receive \$20 off of a complete pair

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Smokeout offers opportunity to quit

By Master Sgt. Bob Stooksbury
Health and Wellness Center

If you’ve considered quitting smoking but aren’t sure you’re ready, maybe the Great American Smokeout is for you! In fact, if you’re reading this you have probably considered quitting, and that’s the first step toward becoming a non-smoker.

The American Cancer Society’s Great American Smokeout is Thursday and since its inception 25 years ago, smoking habits in the United States have changed dramatically. The number of smokers has dropped from more than 54 million to 48 million; about 75 percent of the adult population are now nonsmokers.

The Smokeout is an opportunity to join millions of other smokers in

saying “no thanks” for a day. If past Smokeouts are any indication, as many as one-third of the nation’s 50 million smokers could be taking the day off from smoking, or at least cutting down significantly.

As times have changed, the focus of the Great American Smokeout has evolved from simply helping adults quit smoking to helping children and teenagers understand they should never smoke in the first place. Eighty-nine percent of smokers begin before reaching the age of 18.

The rules for the Great American Smokeout are simple: You just quit smoking or agree to a strict limit for the 24 hours of the Smokeout. The good thing is that you won’t be alone; you can swap advice, jokes, moans and groans with your fellow

“quitters.” Even if you don’t go on to quit permanently, you will have learned that you can quit for a day. Many people decide that if they can quit for a day, why not a week, a month or a year?

About 70 percent of smoking adults want to quit completely, but because of the addictive nature of nicotine they find it difficult to quit.

If you’d like to quit for good, make it easier on yourself by contacting the Health and Wellness Center. The HAWC offers classes complete with nicotine patches, nicotine gum, or Zyban®, and the help of fellow quitters. The program consists of classes held each Tuesday at 11 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for five weeks.

For more information, call the HAWC at 552-2384.

MFW: Schedule for events slated for Nov. 18-25

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of glasses. Same day purchase is required.

- Pro Image 1 Hour Photo is offering to process a roll of film and give a free 5 x 7-inch developed photo.

Commissary Deli and Bakery

- Special Family Meal suitable for serving 4 to 6 people for \$16.95.
- Choice of Black Angus Beef, Split or Boneless Turkey Breast, or Rotisserie Chicken.
- Choice of two pounds of mashed potatoes with one pound of gravy or two pounds of fried rice.
- Choice of two pounds of mixed vegetables or a two-pound container of tossed salad with dressing, Ranch or Italian, with five French bread dinner rolls. Please call ahead at 580-3397 to place your order.

3rd Services Squadron

- Susitna Club: Join us for the All Ranks Thanksgiving Day Buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov 22. Call 753-3131 for reservations.
- Polar Bowl: All military family members can bowl for 50 cents a game from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 19-21. Call 552-4108 for more information.

- Skills Development Center: All autumn greenware in the Ceramics Mud Shop is 40 percent off on Nov. 23. Call 552-7012 for more information.
- Hillberg Ski Area: Free lift pass day for everyone, Nov. 24. Call 552-4838 for more information.
- Outdoor Recreation/Adventure: Free Intro to Winter Sports, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Learn about a variety of activities that can be enjoyed all winter long. Alaska is a great place to be in the winter! Call 552-2023 for more information.

- Katmai and Denali Child Development Centers: Family Luncheon, Nov. 21. Come and have lunch with your child. For more information, contact Denali CDC at 552-8304 or Katmai CDC at 522-5113.
- Preschool: Parent and child snack day will be held Nov. 20 - 21. Parents are encouraged to come and share information with the children about their jobs. Call 552-8228 for more information.

- Community Center: Family Bingo at 1 p.m., Nov 23. Bring in a food item to donate to Bean's Café and you will receive one free card when you purchase a card for \$1. Call 552-2674 for more information.

- Youth Center: Family Arts and Crafts at 4 p.m., Nov. 19 with free refreshments
- Family Bingo at 4 p.m., Nov 20.
- Family Field Trip to Hillberg for sledding from 4- 6 p.m., Nov. 21. For more information call 552-2266
- Young Adult Center: Thanksgiving Essay Contest, Nov. 19. Teens can win prizes for first and second places. The center will open at 3 p.m., Nov. 20 for a Family Dominoes Tournament. Family Sledding Day at

Hillberg Ski Area on Nov. 21 from 4 - 6 p.m., free hot chocolate to help warm your bones! For more information call 552-TEEN.

- School Age Program: Grab a spoon Nov. 21 and head over to the School Age Program's Ketchikan site, building 7163, the Polar site, building 5091, and the Stars of Gold site, Youth Center, and enjoy an ice cream social for the parents of children enrolled in the School Age Program from 4-6 p.m. Call 552-8304 for more information.
- Library: "Bring Your Parents to the Library" theme from Nov. 18 - 24. Children will be able to register to win a prize if they bring their parent(s) to the library, and a drawing will be held Nov. 26 with the winning child being notified to pick up the prize. Call the library for more information at 552-3787.
- Iditarod Dining Facility: Thanksgiving Dinner, free for meal-card holders, will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 22. The dinner features roast turkey, baked ham and roast beef. Call 552-2159 for more information.

ASYMCA

- A drawing for an eight-foot Christmas Stocking, one for Elmendorf and one for Ft Richardson. Stop by any of the ASYMCA offices to enter. Winners will be contacted Nov. 30 and prizes must be picked up immediately. Contact Taryn Perez at 552-9622 or Terri Graham at 384-9622 for more information. Limited to one entry per family.
- An *Art Contest for 2002* will be offered to all military active-duty family members in kindergarten through sixth grade who are Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard. There will be six \$500 bonds awarded to top-service winners and six \$100 bonds to second-place winners. All entry forms may be picked up at the ASYMCA main office, 3rd Medical Group "Y" office, Fort Richardson "Y" office in Building 5 or any of the four military elementary schools: Aurora, Mount Spurr; Mount Iliamna and Orion. Deadline to mail in entry is Jan. 28, 2002. For additional information, go to the ASYMCA web site at www.asymca.org or call (703) 866-1260. Limited to one entry per family.
- A drawing for *Nutcracker Ballet Tickets* starting Nov. 12-21. The actual drawing will be held Nov. 21 at noon, and tickets must be picked up immediately. To enter, simply stop by the ASYMCA main office, the 3rd Medical Group "Y" office, or Fort Richardson "Y" office in Building 5, corner of 5th Street and Chilkoot. Contact Taryn Perez at 552-9622, Eva Hake at 580-6455 or Terri Graham at 384-9622 for more information. One entry per family.

3rd Mission Support Squadron

- The Education Center will host a luncheon for all Education Center personnel and their spouses Nov. 21 from noon - 3 p.m.
- The Family Support Center staff members will be at the Commis-

sary Nov. 20 to pass out "Proud to be a Military Family" magnetic picture frame packets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Thanksgiving dinner will be held Nov. 20 for Family Support Center staff and their families.

3rd Civil Engineer Squadron

- The 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron will host a Thanksgiving luncheon for all 3rd CES members and their families at the Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 16.

3rd Communications Squadron

- The 3rd Communications Squadron Top III will host a squadron potluck Nov. 16 in the Chapel Annex in recognition of National Military Family Week. If you have questions, please call Senior Master Sgt. Korzenaski at 552-2859.

381st Intelligence Squadron

- The 381st Intelligence Squadron will be sponsoring a squadron Open House and Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m. for all squadron members and their families. Call 552-4536 for more information.

3rd Contracting Squadron

- The 3rd Contracting Squadron will host a Thanksgiving lunch for members and their families Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. at 10480 22nd Street, room 236 (conference room). Call 552-2810 for more information.

3rd Logistics Support Squadron

- The 3rd Logistics Support Squadron will host a Thanksgiving luncheon for members and their families Nov 20. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. Call Chief Master Sgt. Crocker at 552-3917 for more details.

3rd Transportation Squadron

- The 3rd Transportation Squadron will have their Annual Thanksgiving Festival Nov. 20, starting at 11 a.m., in either the LGTM breakroom or at the warehouse. Families will be invited and we'll send out personal invitations to deployed members' spouses.

3rd Component Repair Squadron

- The 3rd Component Repair Squadron will host a Thanksgiving luncheon in conjunction with the Quarterly Competition for members and their families Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Call Staff Sgt. Miller, 552-3470, for more details.

3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

- The 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron's individual flights will host a Thanksgiving lunch for their personnel and families. Date is Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be held within each flight.
- Point of contact is Capt. Todd Menie at 552-3470.

3rd Communications Squadron

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Squadron is planning a potluck luncheon at the Chapel Annex for all unit and family members Nov. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 552-4924 for more information.

3rd Logistics Support Squadron

- The 3rd Logistics Support Squadron will host a Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center for all squadron members and their family members.

611th Air Support Group

- The 611th Air Support Group will be showing appreciation to their military families with a combined event for the 611th Air Support Squadron and the 611th Civil Engineer Squadron. A Thanksgiving buffet is scheduled for Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex. Point of contact is Master Sgt. Charles DuCharme at 552-8747. For planning purposes, please RSVP by close-of-business today. In appreciation of our squadron's dedication to service, officers and senior ranking civilians will provide the meats, but donations of large side dishes are welcome.
- The 611th Air Operations Squadron will host a family dinner and after school get-together at Green Lake Chalet Nov. 15 beginning at 4 p.m. We will host a squadron open house Nov. 19 with a tour of the NORAD Air Operations Center and luncheon for family members beginning at 11 a.m.
- The 611th Air Control Squadron Commander will host a dinner at his home for the unit dormitory residents and singles living downtown on Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 a.m.

732nd Air Mobility Squadron

- The 732d Air Mobility Squadron's Top 3 Council will sponsor two home-style Thanksgiving dinners in the squadron's air-freight warehouse. The first dinner will be held Nov. 19, 10 p.m. to midnight, and the second dinner Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Rob Tanner at 552-8587.

962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron

- The 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron is having a Thanksgiving luncheon today at noon in the Airman's Hall located in the basement of Denali Hall. This will be for squadron members and their families.

3rd Dental Squadron

- The Dental Squadron will host a family luncheon Nov. 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Green Lake Chalet. For more information call Senior Master Sgt. Elfring at 580-5024.

For more information about National Military Family Week at Elmendorf, contact Camella Davis at the Elmendorf Family Support Center at 552-4943.